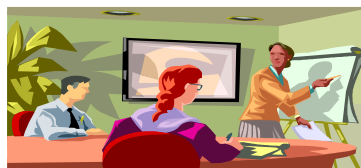


LABOR MARKET REVIEW

Region 6

Statistical Data Report for June 2006

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Preliminary Labor Force
Estimates
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This newsletter is a monthly report on a variety of statistical data for the Region. Recently eleven Indiana Economic Growth Regions were formed. The Economic Growth Region (EGR) 6 includes: Blackford, Delaware, Fayette, Henry, Jay Randolph, Rush Union and Wayne Counties.

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE RANKING BY COUNTY (HIGH TO LOW)

<u>RANK - June 2006</u>	<u>COUNTY</u>
1	Orange (7.5%)
2	Fayette
9	Randolph
12	Blackford
15	Wayne
17	Delaware
21	Henry
37	Union
65	Jay
71	Rush
92	Hamilton (3.1%)

<u>Area</u>	<u>Labor Force</u>	<u>Employed</u>	<u>Unemployed</u>	<u>Rate 2006</u>	<u>Rate 2005</u>
U. S.	152,557,000	145,216,000	7,341,000	4.8%	5.2%
Indiana	3,301,900	3,132,300	169,600	5.1%	5.3%
Muncie MSA	55,280	51,830	3,450	6.2%	6.6%
EGR 6	170,027	159,970	10,300	6.1%	6.5%
Blackford County	7,055	6,605	450	6.4%	6.6%
Delaware County	55,280	51,830	3,450	6.2%	6.6%
Fayette County	11,480	10,650	830	7.2%	7.9%
Henry County	23,310	21,950	1,360	5.8%	6.5%
Jay County	12,190	11,620	570	4.6%	5.1%
Randolph County	13,410	12,520	890	6.6%	6.9%
Rush County	10,040	9,590	450	4.5%	4.7%
Union County	4,165	3,940	225	5.4%	5.0%
Wayne County	33,350	31,250	2,100	6.3%	6.9%
Muncie City	30,620	28,560	2,060	6.7%	6.9%
Richmond City	17,270	16,160	1,110	6.4%	7.4%



SURROUNDING STATES UNEMPLOYMENT June 2006

(not seasonally adjusted)

Illinois	4.8%
Kentucky	6.1%
Michigan	6.5%
Ohio	5.2%



ALL ABOUT UNEMPLOYMENT RATES

For a detailed report on how the government measures unemployment rates click on the following link:

http://www.bls.gov/cps/cps_higtm.htm

For the detailed news summary regarding the employment situation in the United States click on the following link: (Adobe Acrobat necessary)

<http://www.bls.gov/news.release/pdf/empst.pdf>

REGIONAL AND STATE UNEMPLOYMENT (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)

Regional and state unemployment rates were generally little changed in June, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor. Twenty states recorded over the month unemployment rate decreases, 19 states registered increases, and 11 states had no change. The South again registered the lowest jobless rate among the regions, 4.5 percent. Florida and South Dakota posted the lowest unemployment rates in June, 3.0 percent each. Hawaii, Nebraska, Utah, and Virginia had the next lowest rates, 3.1 percent each. The states recording the highest jobless rates were Mississippi, 7.1 percent, South Carolina, 6.7 percent, Alaska, 6.6 percent, and Michigan, 6.3 percent. Over the year, jobless rates were down in 40 states, up in 6 states and unchanged in 4 states. The states with the largest over the year jobless rate declines were Illinois, New Mexico, Utah and Iowa. Four states registered significant unemployment rate increases from a year earlier: New Jersey, Rhode Island, Hawaii and Arkansas.

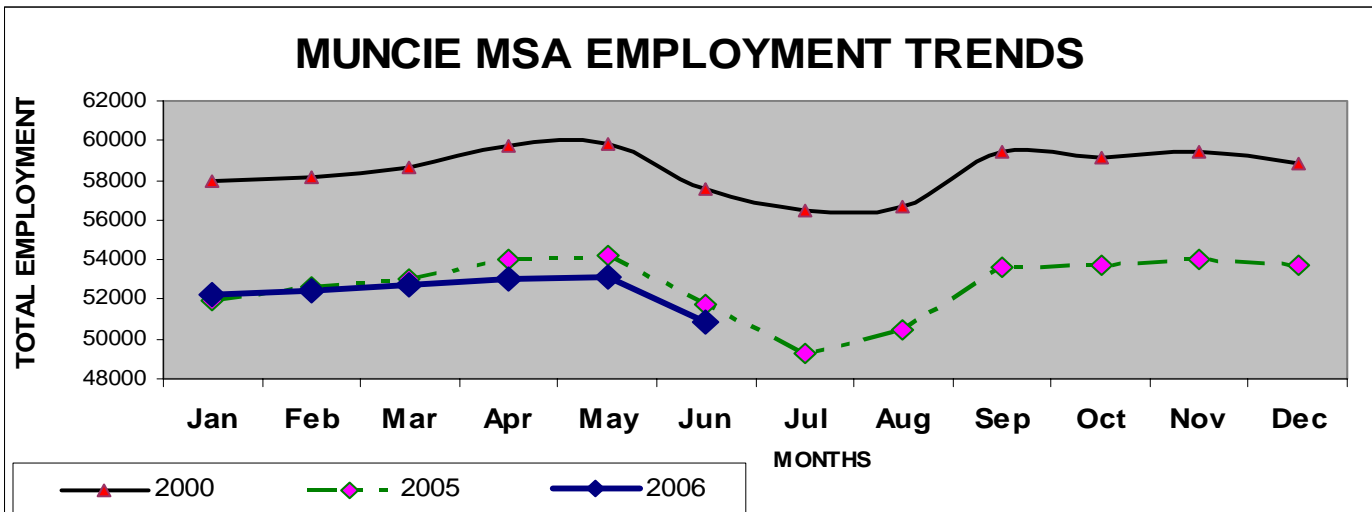
MUNCIE MSA



WAGE AND SALARIED EMPLOYMENT

Muncie MSA			CHANGE FROM		JUNE 2005	
	JUNE 2006	MAY 2006	JUNE 2005	MAY 2006 TO JUNE 2006		TO JUNE 2006
Total Nonfarm	50,900	53,100	51,700	-2,200 -4.1%	-800	-1.5%
Total Private	40,700	40,200	41,000	+500 +1.2%	-300	-0.7%
Goods Producing	8,700	8,700	8,700	+0 +0.0%	+0	+0.0%
Service-Providing	42,200	44,400	43,000	-2,200 -5.0%	-800	-1.9%
Private Srvc Provide	32,000	31,500	32,300	+500 +1.6%	-300	-0.9%
Nat. Res & Construction	2,300	2,300	2,300	+0 +0.0%	+0	+0.0%
Manufacturing	6,400	6,400	6,400	+0 +0.0%	+0	+0.0%
Durable Goods	5,800	5,700	5,500	+100 +1.8%	+300	+5.5%
Trade, Transportation, Utilities	9,100	8,900	9,200	+200 +2.2%	-100	-1.1%
Wholesale Trade	1,300	1,300	1,300	+0 +0.0%	+0	+0.0%
Retail Trade	6,600	6,400	6,700	+200 +3.1%	-100	-1.5%
Trans, Warehouse, Utilities	1,200	1,200	1,200	+0 +0.0%	+0	+0.0%
Information	400	400	500	+0 +0.0%	-100	-20.0%
Financial Activities	2,000	2,000	2,000	+0 +0.0%	+0	+0.0%
Professional and Business	3,800	3,800	3,900	+0 +0.0%	-100	-2.6%
Educational and Health	9,200	9,000	9,300	+200 +2.2%	-100	-1.1%
Health Care and Social	8,800	8,700	8,900	+100 +1.1%	-100	-1.1%
Leisure and Hospitality	5,500	5,400	5,400	+100 +1.9%	+100	+1.9%
Other Services	2,000	2,000	2,000	+0 +0.0%	+0	+0.0%
Government	10,200	12,900	10,700	-2,700 -20.9%	-500	-4.7%
State Government	5,700	8,200	5,900	-2,500 -30.5%	-200	-3.4%
Local Government	4,100	4,300	4,400	-200 -4.7%	-300	-6.8%
Local Govt Education	2,500	2,700	2,600	-200 -7.4%	-100	-3.8%

NATURAL RESOURCES AND MINING EMPLOYMENT SHOWN ONLY IN TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL, PRIVATE & GOODS PRODUCING
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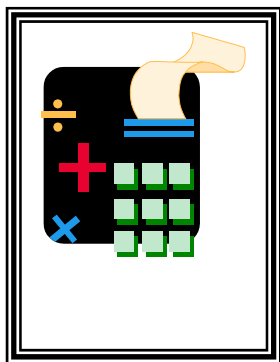


Bureau of Labor Statistics Reports....

U.S. workers are giving up on traditional employment in favor of alternative arrangements, with 20 million workers telecommuting and 10.3 million working as independent contractors, the United States Chamber of Commerce reports (Daily Labor Report, page A-7). In its report, titled "Work, Entrepreneurship, and Opportunity in 21st America," (online http://www.uschamber.com/publications/reports/0604entrepreneurial_workforce.htm), the business group -- citing government estimates from the Labor Department's Bureau of Labor Statistics -- said there are about 10.3 million independent contractors in the United States, making up 7.4 percent of the U.S. workforce. Small business startups especially businesses founded by women and minorities, also are "increasing at an impressive pace," the group said. Citing BLS data, the chamber said there are 27 million workers on flextime, defined as able to work with a flexible schedule. The business group also counts among its tally of nontraditional workers an estimated 25 million part-time workers, 17 million workers engaged in direct selling for such entities as Avon and Amway, 10.2 million self-employed workers, and 18 million owners of sole proprietorships. Some of those workers, the group said, may belong to more than one of those categories



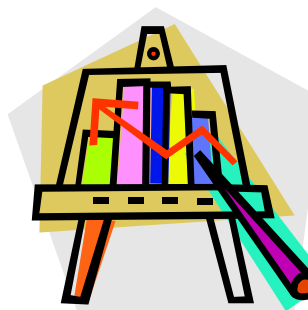
MONTHLY COMPARISON OF UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIMS BY OFFICE



LOCAL OFFICE	June 2006	May 2006
Anderson	8,152	9,695
Auburn	7,425	7,880
Connersville	1,786	2,129
Fort Wayne	15,175	18,966
Kokomo	8,074	9,944
Marion	4,919	5,479
Muncie	8,066	9,771
Richmond	3,004	3,327

APPLICANT POOL ECONOMIC GROWTH REGION 6

Applicant Pool provides a numerical ranking of the top twenty jobs being sought by job applicants. These data are extracted from the Department of Workforce Development's Customer Self Service System (CS3). Each week the job title list in the applicant pool is determined by examining the pool of applicants who are registered in CS3. The twenty job titles that are specified most often by job applicants in the CS3 system are listed. The numbers of applicants requesting those jobs are also displayed. Report date August 13, 2006



Job Title	Number of Applicants
Assemblers (Factory Work)	4,728
Production Laborers	3,809
All Other Machine Operators	3,203
Forklift/Industrial Truck Operators	2,578
Hand Packers & Packagers	2,416
All Other Hand Workers	2,347
Production Inspectors, Tester, Graders	1,759
Cashiers, General	1,623
All Other Metal & Plastic Mach Operators	1,492
All Other Machine Setters&Setup Operators	1,484
All Other Precision Assemblers	1,479
General Office Clerks	1,451
Order fillers – Wholesale/Retail Sales	1,373
Other Hand Material Movers	1,302
Production Helpers	1,291
Machine Assemblers	1,286
Packaging/Filling Machine Operators	1,258
Other Inspectors & Testers	1,207
Shipping & Receiving Clerks	1,176
Receptionists/Information Clerks	1,135



STATE LAUNCHES NEW LABOR MARKET INFORMATION WEB SITE

A new labor market information web site operated by the Indiana Department of Workforce Development is now available for use by the general public. The site can be accessed at www.hoosierdata.in.gov. The new site contains labor market data, statistics and trends compiled by the Department and the United States Department of Labor. The new web site is part of a major upgrade of the content and usability of the labor market information data the department regularly compiles on Indiana's workforce. It offers improved functionality in that users can more easily sort and rank data, can "grab" data in spreadsheet or text formats, and more easily make geographic comparisons.

WAGE DEMAND

How many people are looking for work and how much do they expect to be paid?

The Department of Workforce Development [Customer Self Service System \(CS3\)](#) performs matches between job applicants looking for work and employers looking for new employees. **Wage Demand** provides the number of applicants registered in CS3, as well as the annual and median wages that the applicants expect to be paid.

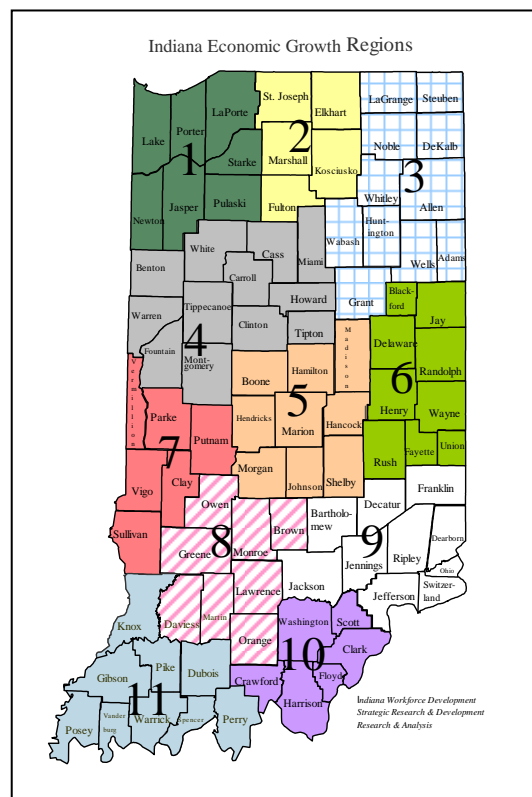
How are the wages determined? Each week, we examine the pool of applicants who are registered in CS3. Applicants define their wage expectations for the work they desire. An average wage demand is calculated for the selected geographic area. The median annual wage demand and the total number of applicants in the pool are also provided.

To hire an applicant looking for a job visit the CS3 website or call your Local Employment Services Office. The Employment Services staff will be happy to help you register your job openings.

WAGE DEMAND TABLE

Geography Economic Growth Region	Average Annual Wage Demand	Median Annual Wage Demand	Number Of Applicants
EGR 1	\$25,921	\$20,800	18,778
EGR 2	\$26,902	\$20,800	14,786
EGR 3	\$23,306	\$20,446	22,864
EGR 4	\$21,806	\$20,800	14,714
EGR 5	\$29,816	\$20,800	30,124
EGR 6	\$21,667	\$18,720	11,590
EGR 7	\$22,625	\$18,720	4,959
EGR 8	\$20,332	\$16,640	9,471
EGR 9	\$24,880	\$19,760	6,063
EGR 10	\$25,185	\$20,800	6,119
EGR 11	\$22,517	\$18,720	12,602
Indiana	\$24,899	\$20,800	157,556

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Consumer Price Index



1 Month Percent Change

Not Seasonally Adjusted

Midwest Urban Average(All items)

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2005	0.2	0.6	0.6	0.8	-0.2	0.2	0.3	0.7	1.5	-0.2	-0.9	-0.3
2006	0.6	-0.1	0.7	0.5	0.3	0.3						

12 Months Percent Change

Not Seasonally Adjusted

Midwest Urban Average(All items)

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2005	2.6	2.8	2.9	3.4	2.5	2.5	2.8	3.5	4.8	4.1	3.0	3.2
2006	3.6	3.0	3.1	2.8	3.3	3.4						

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics



DWD WEBSITE

<http://www.in.gov/dwd>

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